

Appl. No. 10/060,310
Amdt. dated June 30, 2006
Reply to Office action dated May 31, 2006

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Applicant amends this application and requests reconsideration. In this amendment, claims 11, 12 and 14 are cancelled and no claims are added. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 13 are pending.

Turning to the Office Action, Applicant acknowledges the withdrawal of the §101 rejection of claim 1. Applicant also notes the comments regarding claims 6-10. Claims 6-10 are amended herein in accordance with the suggestion in the Office Action. Paragraph 30 of the specification is also amended to provide continuity between the claims and the specification.

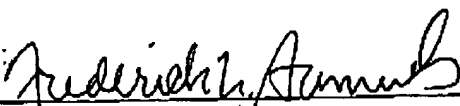
The Office Action imposed a restriction requirement asserting that the application contains first and second independent and distinct inventions. More particularly, the Office Action alleges that claims 1-10 and 13 are drawn to a first invention while claims 11, 12 and 14 are drawn to a second invention. In response to this requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-10 and 13 in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of claims 11, 12 and 14.

The Office Action commented suggested that Applicant double check the changes made to the specification in the March 22, 2006 amendment. Applicant has reviewed those changes and believes them to be in conformance with what was suggested in the Office Action dated September 22, 2005. However, if it is believed that those amendments do not address the issues raised in the September, 22 2005 Office Action, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington, D.C. Office to clarify the issues.

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In view of the foregoing, it is asserted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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